



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2004-019

DECLARING NEW MEXICO THE "CLEAN ENERGY STATE," CREATING A CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND DIRECTING STATE AGENCIES TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico is an "energy state," producing oil and gas, wind power, coal, and other energy sources, and has the potential to sharply and profitably increase its production of solar, biomass, and geothermal power;

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has significant expertise in energy issues, being home to two national laboratories, several universities, and a large number of established and growing energy companies;

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico exports the majority of the energy it produces, and has access to energy markets throughout the Western United States;

WHEREAS, the development of diverse new clean energy sources will help stabilize the national economy, save consumers and businesses money, prevent the export of energy dollars, create jobs and economic opportunity in New Mexico, reduce pollution and the emission of global warming gases, and lessen our nation's exposure to foreign threats to our energy supplies;

WHEREAS, in the past two legislative sessions the State of New Mexico has adopted groundbreaking new laws regarding the development of clean energy and implementation of clean energy projects, while creating incentives for clean energy investment and growth;

WHEREAS, "clean energy" can include wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, and fossil fuel technologies that eliminate or significantly reduce emissions of pollutants and greenhouse gases in the production of usable energy;

WHEREAS, New Mexico's clean energy campaign should also include reduction of energy use through building design, land use planning that reduces energy demand, energy efficiency, and energy conservation; and

WHEREAS, declaring New Mexico as the "Clean Energy State" and creating new structures to implement a clean energy campaign will place New Mexico in the forefront of an economic sector that is certain to thrive in coming decades, providing jobs and business expansion in New Mexico.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby declare New Mexico the "Clean Energy State" and hereby order the creation of a Clean Energy Development Council which shall include the Secretaries of the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Environment Department, Economic Development Department, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Agriculture and the General Services Department as well as the State Engineer with staff support from the Office of the Governor.

The Council shall recommend to the Governor the creation of task forces necessary to accomplish its purposes. The Governor shall appoint the task forces, consisting of members of the public from New Mexico and other experts. The task forces shall work collaboratively with existing clean energy programs and work on specific initiatives and issues such as concentrated solar power, residential and commercial solar power applications, biomass energy production, wind power production, hydrogen energy development, energy efficiency and conservation, transportation and transmission, advanced coal technologies, reduction of energy use in public buildings, and financing clean energy projects in New Mexico.

The Clean Energy Development Council shall work with appropriate task forces for the purposes of:

1. Develop policy recommendations that will enhance the opportunities for successful clean energy business growth in New Mexico;
2. Meet with the Governor, investors, companies, and researchers who can grow clean energy businesses in New Mexico; and
3. Communicate with appropriate stakeholders, lawmakers, and the public about the potential for clean energy development in New Mexico.

Prior to December 15, 2004, the Clean Energy Development Council shall present the Governor a set of recommendations regarding significant clean energy policy measures to be presented to the 2005 Legislature, and the Clean Energy Development Council shall thereafter report annually to the Governor on its recommendations and activities; and

The Clean Energy Development Council may seek funding from foundations and donors to support the activities of the Clean Energy Development Council and its task forces.

THIS ORDER supersedes Executive Order 1991-7 and any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

ATTEST:


REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
14th DAY OF APRIL, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO


BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR

